

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2009. Further, this follows an interview between Applicant's representative, Chris J. Volkmann, and Examiner Yen conducted on November 12, 2009. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for his time and consideration in conducting the interview.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 6-9, 11-14, 16-29, 33, 34 and 36-38 were pending. All pending claims were objected to, but were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Office Action stated that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters and that prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Claim Objections

On pages 3 and 4, independent claims 1, 19 and 27 were objected to because of informalities. In particular, the Office Action alleged that several features of Applicant's claims comprised intended use limitations that required clarification. In the Office Action the Examiner provided some suggestions for amending the claims.


During the interview conducted on November 12, 2009, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the claim objections and agreed that Applicant would send a claim amendment proposal to the Examiner. Applicant subsequently sent a proposal to the Examiner, which the Examiner indicated (in a voicemail to Applicant) would overcome the claim objections and result in a Notice of Allowance. Herewith, Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions in the Office Action and the proposal sent to the Examiner on November 12, 2009.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments presented herein overcome the Examiner's objections and place the case in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments presented herein and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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